

Missouri Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)			
Scoring Worksheet - FY04			
Field Office:	NRCS Area:	Farm Bill Region:	Date:
Applicant(s):	LRF:	New Farmer:	
Address:			
Farm Number:	Tract Number:	Acres in Application:	
Rental Agreement Length: 10 yr OR 15 yr OR 20 yr OR 30 yr OR			
Conservation Easement Length (Remnant Prairies/Savanna/Glade Only): 30 yr OR Permanent			
Score each tract on a separate scoring worksheet, unless certain situations apply as noted in Instructions. Offer must be for at least 40 contiguous acres, unless a waiver is granted in accordance with Instructions. The final score will be the cumulative score of all areas of concern. Only existing practices are eligible for points.			
			Available Points
			Points Awarded
<b>1. Plant Community (maximum score = 40 points)</b>			
Remnant native prairie/savanna/glade; _____% of offer X 40 =		% X 40	
Planted native grassland; _____% of offer X 25 =		% X 25	
Introduced species (3 or more species) conducive to grassland wildlife habitat _____% of offer X 15 =		% X 15	
<b>2. Conversion risk (maximum score = 55 points)</b>			
<b>Non- agricultural Use</b>			
See Instructions worksheet for scoring information.		15 or 10 or 5 or 0	
<b>Conversion to Cropland</b>			
Prime farmland soils; _____% of offer X 25 =		% X 25	
Percent crop land acres. See Instructions worksheet for scoring information.		15 or 10 or 5 or 0	
<b>3. Existing grazing operations (maximum score = 40 points)</b>			
Offered acres grazed		40	
_____ or		or	
Offered Acres Hayed/Seed Production Only		20	
<b>4. Biodiversity (maximum score = 40 points)</b>			
Maintain federal threatened and endangered species or state rare species habitat on a minimum of 20% of the offered acres.		20	
Land is adjacent to 40 acres or more of existing permanently protected grassland areas (such as WRP, MDC prairies, Nature Conservancy prairies, Prairie Foundation prairies, other state and federal grassland areas permanently protected).		15	
Offered acres are within a Grassland Coalition Focus Area.		5	
<b>5 Duration of Offer (maximum score = 25 points)</b>			
Rental Agreement Length of 30 Yr AND >50% Remnant Prairie/Savanna/Glade		10	
Conservation Easement Length of 30 Yr AND >50% Remnant Prairie/Savanna/Glade		15	
Conservation Easement Length is Permanent AND >50% Remnant Prairie/Savanna/Glade		25	
<b>6 Cost Effectiveness of GRP Funds (only use if permanent easement offer!)</b>			
Subtract 20 points if the GRP Fair Market Value per acre is \$1500-1999 for the offer		-20	
Subtract 30 points if the GRP Fair Market Value per acre is \$2000-2499 for the offer		-30	
Subtract 40 points if the GRP Fair Market Value per acre exceeds \$2500 for the offer		-40	

<b>Total Score: add scores from sections 1-6 (note: must NOT exceed 200 points.)</b>		
<b>Total GRP Dollar amount requested for offer (submit only one type of offer per tract)</b> <b>For Rental Agreement Offers calculate (Acres Offered X Rental Rate X Rental Agreement Length=\$) OR</b> <b>For Permanent Conservation Easement Offers calculate (Acres Offered X [Estimated County GRP FairMarketValue - Grazing Value]=\$) OR</b> <b>For 30-year Conservation Easement Offers calculate (Acres offered X [30% X (Estimated County GRP FairMarketValue - Grazing Value)]=\$)</b>		<b>\$</b>

I am submitting this Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) application to USDA for consideration. I understand that any final Easement Offer, if applicable, will be based on a certified appraisal of the Fair Market Value less the grazing value.

	<b>Date</b>
<b>Signature of NRCS/SWCD/MDC Technical Representative</b>	<b>Date</b>

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